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Thanks Michal. Adding Catie and Gloria. We will check with OPP and follow up with a recommendation.

Jonah

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I'd be happy to do this meeting, assuming that OPP agrees.

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Dear Administrator Regan and Assistant Administrator Freedhoff,

My name is Lee Van Wychen and I am the Executive Director of Science Policy for the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA). As I like to say "Weeds- we kill'em, we don't smoke'm"! (Ha ha - some of the meetings i have in DC are with people who assume its the other "weed").

Anyhow, our society has an excellent working relationship with EPA to help make sure we generate the best science for your agency so you can make the best risk management

decisions.

Unfortunately, as you are now aware, that has not happened with the herbicide dicamba. Our public sector weed scientists were behind the curve from the start as they had no access to Monsanto's "new and improved" dicamba formulation until it was sold in the marketplace in 2017 for use on millions of acres of soybean and cotton. As you are also aware, we now have had 5 years in a row of wide-spread off-target movement and damage from dicamba.

Our public sector weed scientists are now catching up on the research and science needed to explain the off-target movement and injury by dicamba. We now have years of data across multiple locations that shows that it is literally "RAINING DICAMBA" at concentrations during the growing season in areas with a high density of dicamba applications that can cause landscape scale damage to sensitive species such as soybeans, grapes, and peaches.

Two public-sector weed scientists, Dr. Kevin Bradley at the University of Missouri and Dr. Jason Norsworthy at the University of Arkansas and I would like to meet with you, virtually, next week to present this data so you can make the best decision possible regarding the future use of dicamba. Kevin and Jason are two of the most widely respected public-sector scientists we have, and unfortunately they have been forced into the center of the dicamba storm (through no fault of their own).

I believe this meeting will be critical to your agencies decision on dicamba, and as a former AAAS Congressional Science Fellow myself (Agronomy-Crops-Soils 2003), I just want to make sure you have the best unbiased public sector science available.

The best meeting times for us are the afternoon of Sep. 27, or any time on Sep. 30 or Oct. 1. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
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### Meetings of the National and Regional Weed Science Societies

Dec. 13 - 16, 2021 North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS), Grand Rapids, MI [www.ncwss.org](http://www.ncwss.org)

Jan. 3 - 6, 2022 Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS), Gettysburg, PA [www.newss.org](http://www.newss.org)

Jan. 24 - 27, 2022 Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS), Austin, TX [www.swss.ws](http://www.swss.ws)

Feb. 21 - 24, 2022 Weed Science Society of America (WSSA), Vancouver, BC [www.wssa.net](http://www.wssa.net)

Mar. 7 - 10, 2022 Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS), Newport Beach, CA [www.wsweedscience.org](http://www.wsweedscience.org)

Jul. 18 - 21, 2022 Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS), Greenville, SC [www.apms.org](http://www.apms.org)

